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SUBJECT: Final Report of Ad Hoc Committee on NIS Program.

ONI COMMENT:

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(1) The Joint Chiefs of Staff priority list is the only item in this report which is classified as Secret and hence if it were removed the remainder of the folder as a whole could be classified as Confidential. In view of the fact that some agencies are contemplating circulating this folder to attaches, such removal is recommended for security reasons. It is believed such removal is further indicated because of the changeable nature of such a priority list.

(2) It is believed that the tentative allocation of responsibility for preparation of the NIS is apt to be confused if circulated to attaches and it is, therefore, recommended that it be removed from the folder. Such removal is further indicated because such list is tentative and therefore subject to change.

(3) The recommended production schedule cannot be met until Agency production capabilities are brought into balance with NIS requirements.

(4) The required agency capabilities, in at least many cases, cannot be accomplished through normal fiscal practice until the 1950 budget becomes effective, assuming that the requested funds are approved by Congress.

(5) The Naval interest in and contribution to Air Intelligence should be recognized by assigning responsibility as follows:

"Air Force with Navy participation".

(6) The allocations of responsibility should be approved on a tentative basis, incorporating the recommendation contained in paragraph (5) above.

(7) The NIS Production Schedule should be coordinated with the JIB Production Schedule.

(8) Suggestions for minor corrections of form and of a typographical nature are being submitted separately.

(9) It is requested that a meeting of the IAC be called to discuss the above matter.

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2. Suggestions or amendments:

a. The following changes be made in "Tentative Allocation of Responsibility for Preparation of NIS." (additions underlined - deletions marked out).

(1) Section 37 - Air Force

(2) Section 57 - State with the collaboration of Army, Navy, Air Force and CIA.

(3) Section 64E - Air Force.

(4) Section 83 - Air Force (~~Pending-further-action-by Secretary-of-National-Defense.~~)

(5) Section 95 C - Air Force (with assistance of appropriate agencies)

b. Throughout the document where reference is made to the Department of the Air Force and the reference is "Air" it be changed to read "Air Force." (example Chapter V, Section 57, Subversive. Note:-)

c. In the interest of resolving the issue raised by the non concurrence of the Navy member of the Ad Hoc Committee, it is suggested that the following phraseology be inserted as a preface to the allocations and following the title heading thereof:

"Neither the following allocations nor any interpretation thereof shall negate the basic principle that each department is responsible for the production of that intelligence which is responsive to its departmental mission."

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